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SUBJ: FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ENDS VISIT

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1. THE POLISH-FRENCH COMMUNIQUE WHICH APPEARED IN TRYBUNA LUDU MARCH 5-6, REPORTS THAT THE TALKS BETWEEN POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER EMIL WOJTASZEK AND FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER LOUIS DE GUIRINGAUD TOOK PLACE IN AN "ATMOSPHERE OF TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP. THE MINISTERS UNDERLINED THE "NECESSITY" OF STRENGTHENING DETENTE AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE WOULD "ACHIEVE THE GOAL" ESTABLISHED IN THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, THE TALKS REVEALED "FAR-REACHING CONVERGENCE" OF VIEWS ON THE "MAJORITY OF INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED." BOTH MINISTERS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE WORK OF THE MIXED
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ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND A DESIRE TO DEVELOP CULTURAL COOPERATION FURTHER.

2. COMMENT: THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE WAS EVIDENT IN THE TRYBUNA LUDU REPORT OF THE OPENING BANQUET MENTIONED IN REF (A), DESPITE THE OMISSION OF GUIRINGAUD'S PHRASE "DETENTE CANNOT IGNORE PEOPLE NOR REST ON

THEIR SILENCE." SUBSEQUENT PRESS REPORTS HAVE EMPHASIZED ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT, HOWEVER. ZYCIE WARSZAWY MARCH 5-6 CARRIED AN INTERVIEW IN WHICH GUIRINGAUD SPOKE AT LENGTH ON THE "PRIVILEGED RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN POLAND AND FRANCE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR DEVELOPING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS. GUIRINGAUD REFERRED TO THE GOAL OF "INCREASED EXCHANGES OF IDEAS, INFORMATION, AND PEOPLE" IN THE CONTEXT OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, BUT CONCLUDED THAT THE WORK ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED FILLED BOTH POLAND AND FRANCE WITH "TRUST IN THE FUTURE".

3. A FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE HERE DOWNPLAYED THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN FRENCH AND POLISH POSITIONS ON THE ROLE OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. HE ALSO SAID THE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT FOR FRENCH PURCHASE OF COAL ANNOUNCED IN TRYBUNAL LUDU MARCH 4 WAS ARRANGED BEFORE THE VISIT AND THAT THE COPPER AGREEMENT PREDICTED BY TRYBUNA LUDU "IN THE COMING MONTHS" WAS STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION. ACCORDING TO THE DIPLOMAT, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO ENABLE TWO NEW FOREIGN MINISTERS TO MEET IN ANTICIPATION OF GIEREK'S VISIT TO FRANCE THIS FALL. END COMMENT.
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